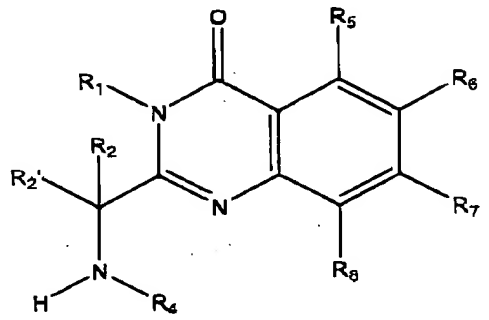
In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, or claims in the application:

1-30. (Canceled)

31. (Currently Amended) A compound having the following structure:



wherein:

R_1 is chosen from hydrogen, lower alkyl, substituted lower alkyl, benzyl, substituted benzyl, and naphthyl ~~hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, alkylheteroaryl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, substituted alkylaryl, substituted heteroaryl, and substituted alkylheteroaryl~~;

R_2 and R_2' are independently chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, oxaalkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, alkylheteroaryl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, substituted alkylaryl, substituted heteroaryl, and substituted alkylheteroaryl; provided that R_2 and R_2' are different;

R_4 is chosen from substituted benzyl, heterocyclyl and R_{16}-alkylene-;

R_5, R_6, R_7 and R_8 are independently chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, fluoroalkyl, nitro, dialkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfonamido, sulfonamidoalkyl, sulfonamidoaryl, alkylthio, carboxyalkyl, carboxamido, aminocarbonyl, aryl and heteroaryl;

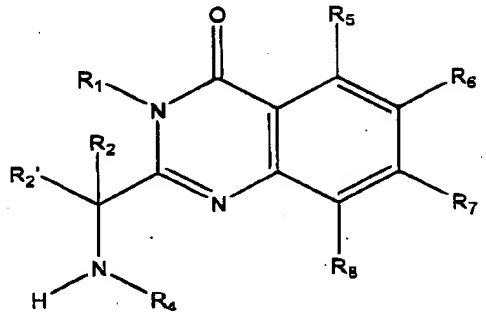
R_{16} is chosen from alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, N-heterocyclyl and substituted N-heterocyclyl;

wherein the stereogenic center to which R_2 and R_2' are attached is of the R configuration and wherein said compound has a chiral purity of >95%.

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

32-49. (Canceled)

50. (Currently Amended) A compound having the following structure:



wherein:

R_1 is chosen from hydrogen, lower alkyl, substituted lower alkyl, benzyl, substituted benzyl, and naphthyl ~~chosen from hydrogen, lower alkyl, substituted lower alkyl, benzyl, substituted benzyl, phenyl, naphthyl and substituted phenyl~~;

R_2 is chosen from lower alkyl and substituted lower alkyl and R_2' is hydrogen;

R_4 is chosen from lower alkyl, cyclohexyl; phenyl substituted with hydroxy, lower alkoxy or lower alkyl; benzyl; substituted benzyl, heterocyclyl, heteroarylmethyl; heteroarylethyl; heteroarylpropyl and R_{16}-alkylene-, wherein R_{16} is di(lower alkyl)amino, (lower alkyl)amino, amino, lower alkoxy, or N-heterocyclyl;

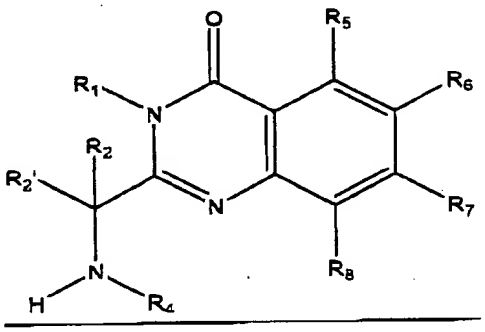
R_5, R_6, R_7 and R_8 are independently chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, fluoroalkyl, nitro, dialkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfonamido, sulfonamidoalkyl, sulfonamidoaryl, alkylthio, carboxyalkyl, carboxamido, aminocarbonyl, aryl and heteroaryl;

wherein the stereogenic center to which R_2 and R_2' are attached is of the R configuration and wherein said compound has a chiral purity of >95%,,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

51-59. (Canceled)

60. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a compound having the following structure:



wherein:

R_1 is chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, alkylheteroaryl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, substituted alkylaryl, substituted heteroaryl, and substituted alkylheteroaryl;

R_2 and R_2' are independently chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, oxaalkyl, aryl, alkylaryl, heteroaryl, alkylheteroaryl, substituted alkyl, substituted aryl, substituted alkylaryl, substituted heteroaryl, and substituted alkylheteroaryl; provided that R_2 and R_2' are different;

R_4 is chosen from substituted benzyl, heterocyclyl and R_{16}-alkylene-;

R_5, R_6, R_7 and R_8 are independently chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, fluoroalkyl, nitro, dialkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfonamido, sulfonamidoalkyl, sulfonamidoaryl, alkylthio, carboxyalkyl, carboxamido, aminocarbonyl, aryl and heteroaryl;

R_{16} is chosen from alkoxy, amino, alkylamino, dialkylamino, N-heterocyclyl and substituted N-heterocyclyl;

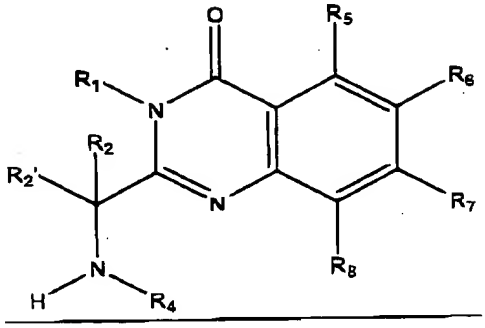
wherein the stereogenic center to which R_2 and R_2' are attached is of the R configuration,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof ~~or salt of Claim 31~~.

61-63. (Canceled)

64. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a

pharmaceutically acceptable excipient and a compound ~~or salt~~ having the following structure:



wherein:

R_1 is chosen from hydrogen, lower alkyl, substituted lower alkyl, benzyl, substituted benzyl, phenyl, naphthyl and substituted phenyl;

R_2 is chosen from lower alkyl and substituted lower alkyl and R_2' is hydrogen;

R_4 is chosen from lower alkyl, cyclohexyl; phenyl substituted with hydroxy, lower alkoxy or lower alkyl; benzyl; substituted benzyl, heterocyclyl, heteroarylmethyl; heteroarylethyl; heteroarylpropyl and R_{16}-alkylene-, wherein R_{16} is di(lower alkyl)amino, (lower alkyl)amino, amino, lower alkoxy, or N-heterocyclyl;

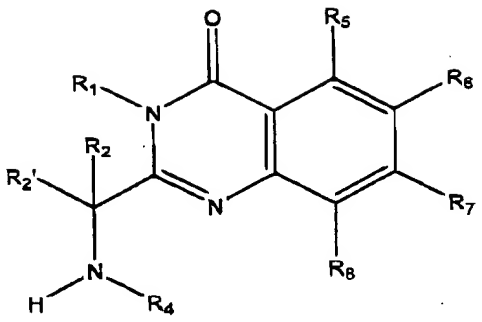
R_5, R_6, R_7 and R_8 are independently chosen from hydrogen, alkyl, alkoxy, halogen, fluoroalkyl, nitro, dialkylamino, alkylsulfonyl, alkylsulfonamido, sulfonamidoalkyl, sulfonamidoaryl, alkylthio, carboxyalkyl, carboxamido, aminocarbonyl, aryl and heteroaryl;

wherein the stereogenic center to which R_2 and R_2' are attached is of the R configuration,

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof ~~of Claim 50~~.

65-67. (Canceled)

68. (Currently amended) A compound having the following structure:



wherein

R_1 is ~~chosen from~~ benzyl or halobenzyl ~~lower alkyl, benzyl, substituted benzyl and substituted phenyl~~;

R_2 is hydrogen or lower alkyl;

R_2' is hydrogen;

R_4 is R_{16}-alkylene-;

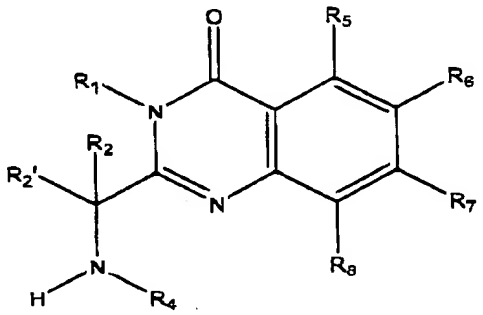
R_7 is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro or methyl;

R_5, R_6 and R_8 are hydrogen; and

R_{16} is chosen from di(lower alkylamino), (lower alkyl)amino, amino, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolyl and morpholinyl.

69. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 68, wherein the stereogenic center to which R_2 and $R_{2'}$ are attached is of the R configuration

70. (Currently Amended) A compound having the following structure:



wherein

R_1 is benzyl or halobenzyl ~~chosen from lower alkyl, benzyl, substituted benzyl and substituted phenyl~~;

R_2 is lower alkyl;

R_2' is hydrogen;

R_4 is substituted benzyl, heterocyclyl, or R_{16}-alkylene-;

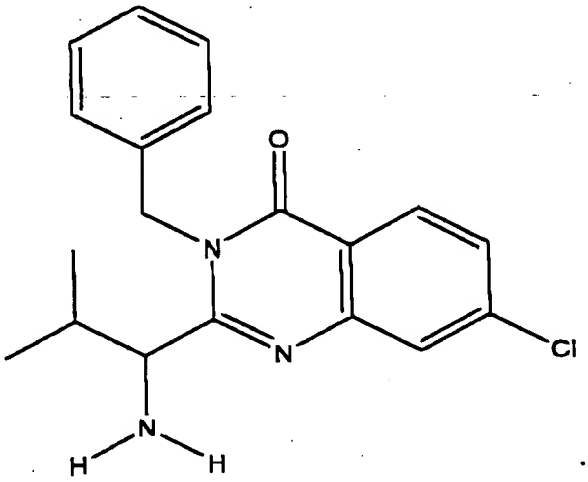
R_6 and R_7 are chosen from hydrogen and halo;

R_5 and R_8 are hydrogen; and

R_{16} is chosen from di(lower alkyl)amino, (lower alkyl)amino, amino, pyrrolidinyl, piperidinyl, imidazolyl and morpholinyl.

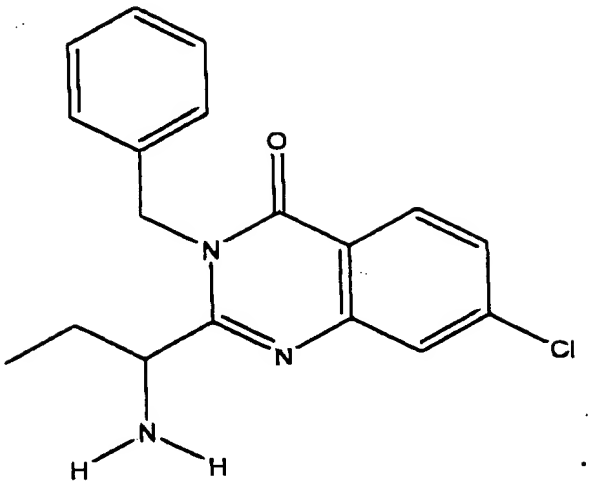
71. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 70, wherein the stereogenic center to which R_2 and $R_{2'}$ are attached is of the R configuration.

72. (Previously Presented) A compound having the following structure:



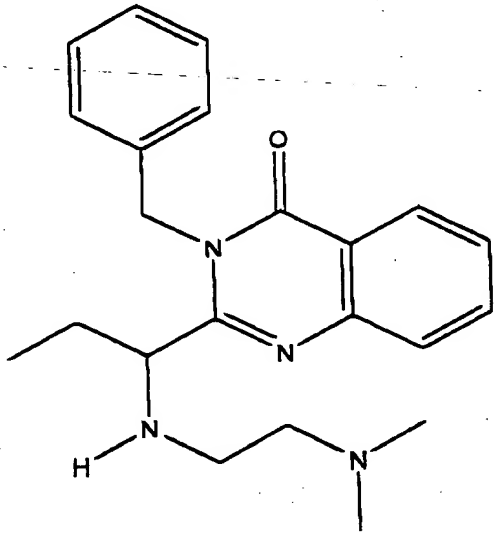
73. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 72, wherein the chiral center is of the R configuration.

74. (Previously Presented) A compound having the following structure:



75. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 74, wherein the chiral center is of the R configuration.

76. (Previously Presented) A compound having the following structure:



77. (Previously Presented) The compound according to claim 76, wherein the chiral center is of the R configuration.